

TERRITORIAL TOPICS.

LAS CRUCES NOTES.

Captain W. H. H. Llewellyn was the recipient from the author, William J. Clark, of a handsome volume of the publication, entitled, "Commercial Cuba."

Clapp, of Yale, vaulted 11 feet 10 1/4 inches last week in the pole vaulting contest. The highest vault ever made at the Agricultural college was by A. J. Coe 8 feet 9 inches. This is also the highest recorded vault in the Territory.

Prof. A. A. Michelson, brother of our own Ben Michelson, and one of the leading professors of the Chicago University, has invented a new spectroscopic called "echelon." The Scientific American says it is one of the most remarkable discoveries of the present decade.

Quite an excitement was created last week among mining people by the announcement that a rich discovery had been made by an Indian of valuable silver properties, situated some miles west of Fort Fillmore who claims to have found flat bearing solid native silver. The Indian had in his possession specimens of rarest value which he showed to Telesforo Chavez and Mariano Madrid who accompanied him to the spot where he claimed to have found them but there was no sign of ore to be seen and they returned home in disgust.

Upon inquiry at F. C. Barker's that gentleman informed a reporter that while the frost had done incalculable good to the soil, mellowing it for planting, yet the continued cold and frost was also doing great damage by delaying planting. He also stated that the most intelligent of the Mexican farmers had told him that the frost had killed the grasshopper eggs so that there would be no loss to the farmer this coming year from that source.—Republican.

Theo. Renault says: "My canning establishment put out 10,000 cases last year. Sixteen cars were shipped. Gross, Blackwell & Co., of Las Vegas, used seven cars and wanted three more. I will put up from 25,000 to 30,000 cases next year. The fruit canned is grown here entirely and consists mainly of tomatoes and green chili. It is the only place in the country where chili is canned, and the prospects are good for opening a splendid market for that article. People are generally beginning to realize the importance of patronizing home industries, and the New Mexico canneries will benefit in consequence."

TACOS TALKS.

Justice of the Peace Donatiano Gallos died very unexpectedly at about 1 o'clock Wednesday morning. He was sick only a few hours and his death seems to have been from a complication of pneumonia and heart disease. Deceased was about forty-five years of age.

Last Monday F. C. Nott started the new mail route from Tres Piedras via Arroyo Hondo and Arroyo Seco to this point, under the Mills contract, having been engaged by Mr. Mills to carry the mail until such time as parties can be found that will sub-contract at rates barely sufficient to buy picket ropes for poles.

Says the Cresset: A petition is now being circulated for the appointment of

a resident of Chicago as postmaster at Etown, backed by M. W. Mills, of Springer. Why not a resident of Etown?

SANTA FE SIFTINGS.

The Cerrillos Register has expired for want of proper support.

The Territorial board of equalization is in session. The members of the board are: Romulo Martinez, First judicial district; Thos. Hughes, Second judicial district; D. C. Hobart, Third judicial district; J. S. Duncan, Fourth judicial district; George L. Ulrich, Fifth judicial district.

La gripe is epidemic here. Chas. L. Bishop is quite sick with it. Mrs. L. A. Harvey is also ill with the grip. So are Frank Andrews and wife. Miss Nellie Blanchard has been sick for a week, and Milo Hill is laid up with the disease. Postmaster Nusbaum is a victim; also Assistant Postmaster Kaube and A. C. Collins, of Ireland's pharmacy.

M. C. Hurley, J. M. Logan, B. P. Eubank, C. C. Wilson, James Eubank, Henry C. Whitehead, J. B. Littlejohn, J. P. Nicka, B. H. McNatt, John P. King, J. K. Milligan, W. H. Ward and A. J. Roe, citizens of Texas, have organized The State National Loan and Trust company, under the laws of the state of Texas, and filed a copy of the articles of incorporation in Secretary Wallace's office. Capital stock, \$10,000; principal place of business located at Fort Worth, Tex.

Manuel D. Gonzales and Fidel J. Gonzales were acquitted of the charge of murder.

William Sparks, a ranchman from Willis, in the Pecos country, is in town on business.

Miss Maggie Gelmer is Secretary Wallace's new clerk, having taken that position yesterday.

Miss Loa Warren, a popular society lady of Silver City, is in the city visiting with her sister, Mrs. Joe Sheridan.

Hon. J. Francisco Chavez and family, of Valencia, are guests at the Exchange.

ALBUQUERQUE ATOMS.

B. G. Wilson, southwestern manager of the Continental Oil company, left on the limited for Gallup.

Albuquerque lodge, No. 336, I. O. B. B. yesterday installed the following officers: President, L. R. Strauss; vice-president, Dr. W. H. Greenburg; secretary, H. N. Jaffa; treasurer, B. H. Feld. The story of his own conversion in a manner which brought tears to the eyes of many of his auditors. At the afternoon meeting yesterday an immense audience turned out to hear Mr. Crittenden speak on the work of the Florence mission, which is the labor that is nearest his heart. Mrs. Moffat sang two solos, "Nobody Cares" and "Nelly Conroy." The latter was written in commemoration of the first convert made by a Florence rescue home.

Somehow it is easier to sympathize with a girl who gets a burn in cooking than with one who is burned in curling her hair.

The consecration services held by Mr. Crittenden at the Armory hall on Saturday night were the most impressive of the entire week. The evangelist told

ELKS DOWN THE VALLEY.

Las Vegas Finish Their Work at Santa Fe and Start for Albuquerque.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler E. G. Murphy and the Las Vegas contingent of thirty-five Elks reached Santa Fe by special train at 1:30 yesterday afternoon. The New Mexican says:

The train was met at the Santa Fe depot by a delegation of local embryo Elks, and the noble herd of visitors were escorted up town with music from the cavalry band. The Las Vegas were very neatly attired in black Prince Alberts and dark pants, the shiniest of boots, and likewise the most polished of tall, black dicers. Each Elk carried a cane decorated with rich purple ribbon bows, and on each manly bristlet appeared a large purple ribbon badge with gold insignia thereon. But the most picturesque feature of the delegation was the John Henry William goat, a fine, virile specimen of goatship, mostly black, though not necessarily of a satanic nature. He was clad in an elegant purple blanket with "H. P. O. E. 408," on the sides in gilt, and was restrained from making any breaks for overventuresome youths near by, by a stout cord in the hands of a neatly dressed valet of color wearing a plug hat with the orthodox bug thereon. His goatship appeared to enjoy the scene and stopped only once to things mundane, namely, when some one fired a copy of the New York Irish World at him. This he immediately ate up, without stopping to pick out the bones. The march around town was in column of twos, the Las Vegas leading and the Santa Fe fawns judiciously occupying positions of becoming reticence at the rear, until after the initiation, when they will become full grown bucks, antlers and all. Large crowds followed the procession about the streets, to the Claire restaurant, where the noble herd stopped to browse, and presently there was a sound of dishes within and a rattling of tableware, which showed that the Elks were punishing the boiled feed in truly commendable style.

At 2:30 o'clock the visitors took the Santa Fe Elks into the corral and Santa Fe lodge was instituted with the following named officers:

Exalted ruler, O. F. Easley; esteemed leading knight, Arthur Seligman; esteemed loyal knight, E. B. Linnen; esteemed lecturing knight, C. A. Scheurich; secretary, A. B. Renahan; treasurer, J. W. Akers; tyler, J. Levy; assistant tylers, Drs. J. S. Massey and J. H. Sloan; esquire, J. L. Zimmerman; chaplain, R. C. Gortner; inner guard, J. L. Seligman; board of trustees, W. N. Townsend, A. J. Fisher, James B. Brady. Some fifty of the leading business and professional men of the capital town compose the new lodge.

A night session of the lodge was held and at 10:30 a banquet commenced at the Claire hotel which lasted till 2:30 this morning. The Las Vegas left for Albuquerque at 1:30 accompanied by a large number of their Santa Fe brethren. The Albuquerque lodge will be instituted at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon, with the following named officers:

Exalted ruler, B. Kuppe; esteemed leading knight, T. N. Wilkerson; esteemed loyal knight, Louis Baer; esteemed lecturing knight, Frank McKee; secretary, M. M. Cruise; treasurer, F. Lowenthal; esquire, C. K. Newhall; tyler, Dr. J. B. Haynes; chaplain, Dr. J. H. Wroth; inner guard, John Trimble; trustees, F. E. Sturges, Charles Maquard, J. H. O'Reilly.

Tomorrow night, at the close of the

evening session, a princely banquet will be served at the Sun Peline hotel and on Thursday about noon the Las Vegas herd will turn its faces homeward.

THE MAXWELL RANCH.

Lucian B. Maxwell's Historic Home as Seen in the Early Days

"During the civil war the barbaric splendor and feudal rule of English nobles, after the Norman conquest, was reproduced in New Mexico. The territory was isolated, and the government at Washington gave little thought to it; but one man, Lucian B. Maxwell, ruled the Mexicans, Indians and frontiersmen, who inhabited it. Born in Illinois, he had wandered in the territory as a trapper and hunter, where by marriage and purchase, he became the largest landholder in the United States. He owned nearly two million acres.

His house, contrasted with the dwellings of New Mexico, was a palace. It was large and roomy, American in construction. Its principal room was a baronial hall, with two fireplaces in which six-foot logs could be burned. The house was the gathering place for Maxwell's vassals and friends, and they gathered there by scores.

"I have slept," writes Colonel Isman, "on its hardwood floor, with the mighty men of the Ute nation lying heads and points all around me, as close as they could crowd, after a day's fatiguing hunt in the mountains."

The kitchen and dining-room were detached from the main residence. A large portion of his table-service was of solid silver; and covers were daily laid for thirty persons.

He had no safe in which to deposit the money received from sales of cattle, sheep, wool, barley, oats and corn, and from his grist-mill. He put the cash in the bottom drawer of an old bureau. "I have frequently seen," writes Colonel Isman, "thirty thousand dollars—gold, silver, greenbacks, government checks—in that bureau drawer. I once suggested to him the expediency of buying a safe in which to keep his money secure from robbers. He smiled, as he said: 'God help the man, who robs me!'"

Maxwell rode on a buckboard, or on a Concord coach, drawn by six horses, driving himself. He was a reckless driver—dashing through streams, over irrigating ditches, stumps, stones, but, although like Jehu, who drove furiously, he seldom met with an accident."

THE OPTIC cheerfully accords this legislative observation by the Albuquerque Citizen: Hon. H. O. Burnam, who will represent Socorro and Sierra counties in the upper house of the territorial legislature, which convenes at Santa Fe on Monday next, will prove one of the hard working members of that body, and his constituents of the two southern counties will be well pleased with his labors when the legislature finishes its sixty days and adjourns sine die.

There is one good thing about the afternoon receptions and card parties—they keep a woman so busy she hasn't time to be an equal suffragist.

Probably Niagara falls because the bed of the river can't hold it up.